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HAVANA INTERROGATION

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HAVANA IN SPANISH TO THE AMERICAS 0131 GMT 20 FEBRUARY BEGINS BROADCASTING AN INTERROGATION OF TWO "CIA" AGENTS, ELPIDIO DELGADO SOTO AND NILO ALONZO MOREJON. THE RADIO SAYS THEY WERE "TRAINED IN COSTA RICA" AND CAPTURED 6 FEBRUARY IN PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE.

ELPIDIO DELGADO SOTO IS INTRODUCED AS LEADER OF THE MISSION. HE SAYS THAT IN FEBRUARY 1964 HE WAS TAKEN FROM MIAMI TO TORTUGUERO, COSTA RICA, FOR TRAINING. ABOUT 25 WERE BEING TRAINED IN THE USE OF VARIOUS RAPONS AND EQUIPMENT BY 10 OR 11 INSTRUCTORS. ALONZO TESTIFIES THAT IN DECEMBER 1964 THEY WERE TAKEN TO NICARAGUA, WHERE THERE ARE TWO BASES, ONE NEAR PUERTO CABEZAS. HE ADDS THAT THERE WAS ALSO A BASE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. IN REGARD TO THE OPERATION, DELGADO SAYS THEY WERE LANDED AND TOLD TO WAIT IN LAS SALINAS, PINAR DEL RIO, FOR LANDING OF 120 MEN. HE ADDS THAT MANUEL ARTIME, WHO HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE NICARAGUA CAMP, HAD ASSURED THEM OF 90 PERCENT SUPPORT BY THE PEOPLE. ON 6 FEBRUARY THEY WERE CAPTURED.

FOLLOWS TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCER'S STATEMENT INTRODUCING THE PROGRAM: "FRIENDS, AS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, THE CAMERAS AND MICROPHONES OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM BRING YOU TONIGHT AND INTERVIEW OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. BEING PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA ARE TWO CIA AGENTS CAPTURED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ON 6 FEBRUARY AT A SPOT ON THE COAST KNOWN AS LAS SALINAS, SOUTHWEST OF SAN LUIS, PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. THE TWO ARE ELPIDIO DELGADO AND NILO ALONZO MOREJON, WHO WERE RECRUITED BY THE CIA ON U.S. SOIL, TRAINED AT THE BASES FOR AGGRESSION MAINTAINED BY THE CIA IN COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA WITH THE COMPLICITY OF THE PUPPET GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, AND INFILTRATED INTO CUBA BY THE CIA. THESE TWO CIA AGENTS WILL BE QUESTIONED BY COMRADES BLANCO AND PUENTE OF THE STATE SECURITY DEPARTMENT."

THE ONLY TWO REFERENCES TO THE CIA WITHIN THE INTERROGATION ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1--ALONZO: "WELL, WE SENT TWO MESSAGES A DAY (FROM PUNTA DEL MONO-- MONKEY POINT--BASE IN NICARAGUA--ED.) TO MIAMI. WE HAD TWO CONTACTS DAILY WITH MIAMI, TWO WITH MANAGUA, AND TWO WITH SAN JOSE; ASIDE FROM THESE, TWO CONTACTS ALSO WITH MIAMI, WITH THE CIA, I SUPPOSE (SENTENCE NOT HEARD)."

2--ALONZO: "WE HAD THREE OR FOUR RADIO OPERATORS THERE. (ALSO MONKEY POINT BASE--ED.) THERE WAS A MAN CALLED LEGESMA, ANOTHER CALLED OTENO, AND IN ADDITION TWO AMERICAN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS."

QUESTION: "WERE THOSE TECHNICIANS CIA MEN?"

ALONZO: "(YES, SIR, CIA MEN)"

THE INTERROGATION CONCLUDED AT 0202 GMT, WITH THE FINAL REMARK BY THE ANNOUNCER THAT THE EVIDENCE IS FURTHER PROOF OF THE COMPLICITY OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA IN PLANS AGAINST CUBA.

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